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# Dive the HMAS Brisbane

## October Long Weekend Dive Holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### GREAT WRECK DIVE

At 133m long, the ex-HMAS BRISBANE lies at a depth of 27m on QLD's Sunshine Coast, making it an excellent dive offering something for everyone.

**Tour Leader:  
Dave Young**



The thrill of exploring an Australian warship that saw service in the Gulf & Vietnam coupled with excellent tropical and temperate marine life makes this a weekend not to miss.

The entire surface of the HMAS Brisbane is covered with oysters and barnacles providing microhabitats for numerous small mobile animals such as rock lobsters, banded coral shrimps, crabs, sea urchins, feather stars, starfish and anemonefish. The vertical sides of the ship are covered with bright red and yellow encrusting sponges, as well as striking orange and white lace corals. Inside the ship divers observe small barnacles, sea squirts, and fan worms. The wreck is a haven for life with scientists from the Queensland Museum so far having recorded 150 species of fish.

*Sinking of the HMAS Brisbane in 2005*



It is really quite something going all the way down the stack into the bowels of the ship and emerging through the engine room. The Brisbane is quite safe for divers of all levels from beginner to experienced, sitting on the sand at 27m with easy navigation and loads of hatches cut for accessibility.

**\$593** for club members      **\$625** non members (*Flights not included*)

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation at Mooloolaba Motel Apartments
- 2 Double Boat Dives (3 on the wreck & 1 reef dive) including park entry fees
- Tanks & Weights
- Divemaster & Tour Leader services

*NOTE: At the time of writing, flights to the Sunshine Coast for the Long Weekend were available from \$250 return on both Virginblue & Jetstar.*



## HMAS Brisbane Dive Trip – Details

2-5 October 2009

### *Additional Diving Options*

After diving the HMAS Brisbane on the Saturday morning you can choose to relax in the afternoon or take advantage of our location for some more diving;

- **Single Reef Boat Dive** (add \$69)  
Our Mooloolabah operator Scuba World has been operating boat dives to the off shore reefs since 1979 including Inner Gneerings, Outer Gneerings, Murphy's Reef and Mudjimba Island.



There is lots to see such as sandstone formations covered with hard and soft corals, numerous ledges, caves, pinnacles and gutters to explore. Depending on the site: tropical fish, crayfish, sea urchins, anemones, bat fish, mackerel, starfish, sea whips, gorgonians, turtles, stingrays, nudibranches, spanish dancers, cowries, coral trout, small groper and bottom dwelling sharks such as wobbegongs.

- **Single Shark Dive in Aquarium Tank** (add \$120)

Time for you to take an awesome dive with the resident sharks and rays at the Under Water World oceanarium. Feel your adrenalin rush as you come within centimetres of large grey nurse sharks, white tip reef sharks, shovel nosed and the sleek whaler sharks. You'll be face to face with blotched fantail rays, coachwhip rays, spangled red emperors, sweetlip, snapper, bream, remoras, wobbegongs and much more!

### *Weekend Itinerary*

- Friday 2/10/09      Fly to Sunshine Coast (own arrangements)  
from Noon      Check into Mooloolaba Motel
- Sat 3/10/09      Morning      Double Boat dive on HMAS Brisbane  
Afternoon      Optional dive or own relax time
- Sun 4/10/09      Morning      Double Boat Dive (HMAS Bris & Reef)  
Afternoon      Free time
- Mon 5/10/09      10am      Check out Motel (Luggage room available)

### *Tour Leader – Dave Young*



David is a keen Dive 2000 Dive Master and underwater photographer who loves taking people diving and helping them with their diving and photography and sharing the fun of the adventure.

Recently, David did a reconnaissance of the HMAS Brisbane wreck and diving facilities to ensure the best possible trip for our group.